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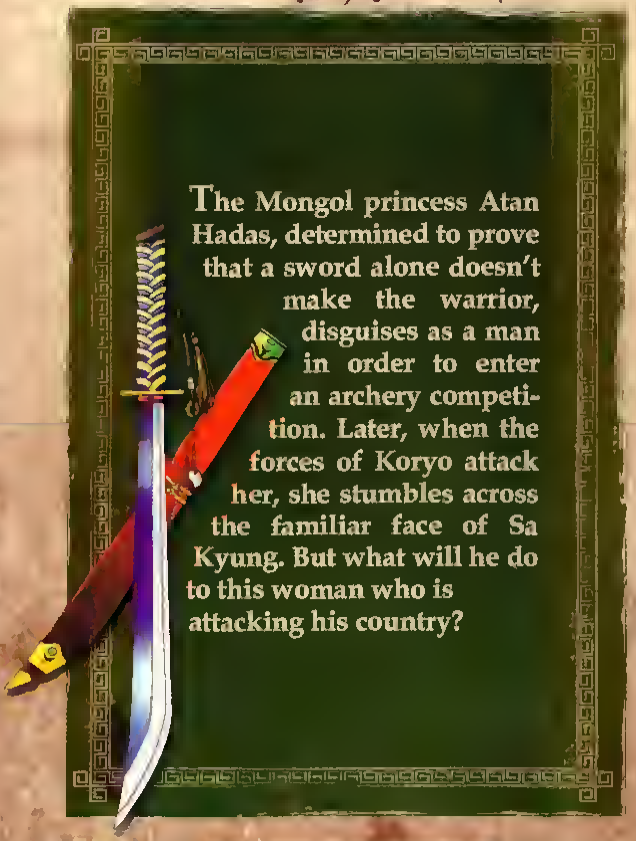

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YOUNG MASTER!
MASTER SA KYUNG!
MASTER SA KYUNG!
YOUR MOTHER THE LADY IS LOOKING FOR YOU!!
MASTER!
THE MASTER HAS BECOME QUITE TROUBLESOME, HAS HE NOT?
HAVE WE LOOKED OVER THERE YET?
Let's try the back

DAMN!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

AM I GOING NUTS?

DID YOU FIND SA KYUNG?
NO, MY LADY. WE SEARCHED THE ENTIRE ESTATE.
MY LORD...
WORRY NOT. WHEN IT GETS DARK, HE WILL SCURRY OUT FROM HIS HIDING PLACE AND COME FOR SUPPER.
BUT...
THE BOY...
?
HE...

HE HAS BECOME SO... DISOBEDIENT... FREE-SPIRITED...
BEING THE SON OF KIM KYUNG SOHN, IT IS GOOD FOR HIM TO HAVE A STRONG SPIRIT.
CHUNG WAR, CONTINUE YOUR SEARCH FOR THE YOUNG MASTER
YES, MY LADY.
ARE YOU GOING TO THE PALACE?
YES.
YOU'VE BEEN SUMMONED THERE QUITE OFTEN.
THREATS FROM THE MONGOL ARMY HAVE BEEN MOUNTING. THEY'VE PITCHED TENTS NEAR THE BORDER AND APPEAR READY TO FIGHT.
IT HAS CAST AN UNEASY PALL OVER THE PALACE

I WILL FIND SA KYUNG AND REPRIMAND HIM.
LET HIM BE.
HIS ILLNESS HAS PASSED AND HE IS ONCE AGAIN ALIVE FOR US. IT PAINED ME SO MUCH TO HAVE BOTH MY CHILDREN IN LIVING SLEEP. THANKS TO THE ANCESTORS FOR ALLOWING AT LEAST OUR SON TO THRIVE AGAIN.
I WILL REMEMBER THE DAY HE AWOKE AS THE MOST JOYOUS DAY OF MY LIFE. IS IT NOT THE SAME FOR YOU?
YES, I WILL REMEMBER THE DAY MY SON WAS RETURNED TO ME

SO FORGIVE HIM HIS DALLIANCES. ALLOW HIS SPIRIT TO BREATHE FREELY
HE SEEMS SO DISTANT...
BUT.. MY LORD...
SO SCARE

IT'S AS IF...
HE'S AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PERSON.

福能過惡
쏴아ㅡ
WHERE WERE YOU ALL DAY?!
MY BODY ACHES FROM LOOKING FOR YOU!
쏴ㅡ
YOU WORRIED THE LADY SICK.

CHUNG WAR...
YES, MASTER?
WHAT AM I LIKE?
MASTER?
PERHAPS I'VE BEEN SICK FOR SO LONG, MY IDENTITY HAS FADED. WHAT HAPPENED? WHO AM I?
.....!

MASTER...YOU ARE...
. A MAN OF FEW WORDS AND EVEN FEWER ACTIONS. YOU ENJOY READING AND MEDITATION. FIVE YEARS AGO, TNE AFFLICTION SEIZED YOU AND YOUR SISTER.. TNE LADY SA LUM.
TNE TWO OF YOU SLEPT TNROUGN TNE YEARS BETWEEN AS IF CORPSES RETIRED TO TNE HEREAFTER.
YOUR BODIES GREW AND AGED WITN TNE PASSAGE OF TIME, BUT YOUR MINDS REMAINED VACANT. THE LORD AND LADY NAD LOST ALL NOPE.

SO...WHAT ARE YOU LIKE? I DON'T KNOW.
LOSING FIVE YEARS OF YOUR LIFE HAS UNDOUBTEDLY TRANSFORMED YOU.
THEREFORE THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN NOW TELL YOU WHO YOU REALLY ARE...IS YOU.
THANK YOU.

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CIGARETTES
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MAN! DID YOU SEE THE LOOK IN THAT BITCH'S EYES WHEN I SAID I DIDN'T DO THE ASSIGNMENT?!
YEAH! SHE LOST IT!
HEY! MOON BIN. LET ME BUM A SMOKE?
HERE...

HEY, DON'T BLOW THAT SHIT OVER HERE! I'M TRYING TO QUIT!
I'LL GIVE YOU A WEEK...TOPS.
SQUEEZE
LOOK AT THIS CHAIN SMOKER HERE, GUYS! YOU QUIT TOO, OR YOU'LL END UP LIKE HIM!

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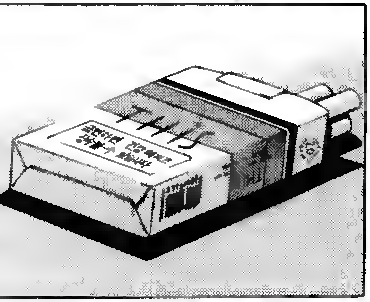

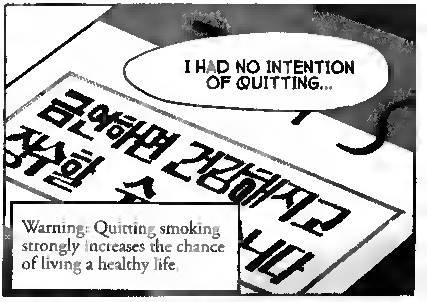
I HAD NO INTENTION OF QUITTING...
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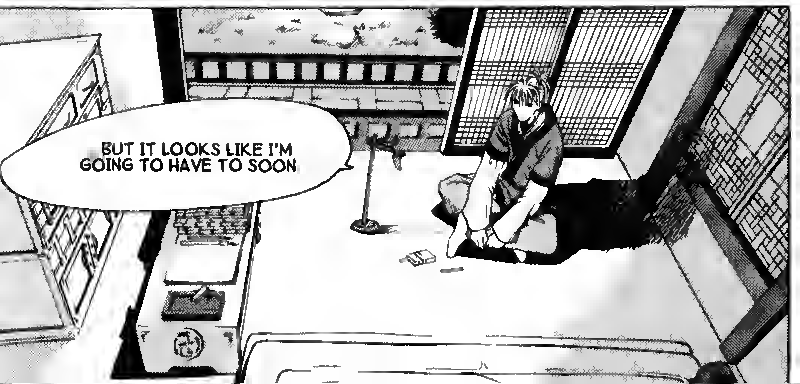
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SOON

Exactly 770 years from now...or should I say a few days ago...I was attending high school in Seoul in the year 1999.
Two years before, when I was a freshman, I began having this horrible recurring nightmare.
I use to have it two or three times a month. A couple of weeks ago, I started having it more and more frequently...until I was having the nightmare every night.
And now I think I'm stuck in my nightmare

June 30th, 1999
3 Ancient Mother
AH...
AH...
AH... AH...

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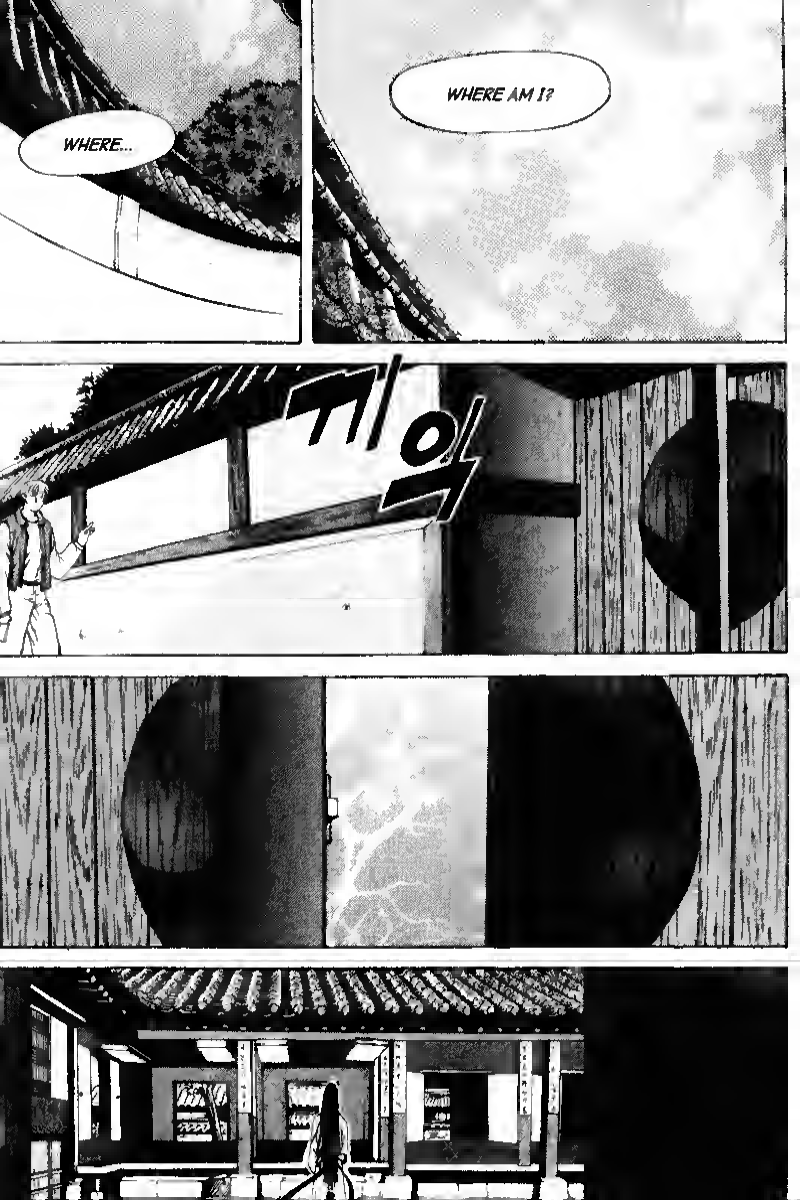
It's so bright!


WHERE...
WHERE AM I?
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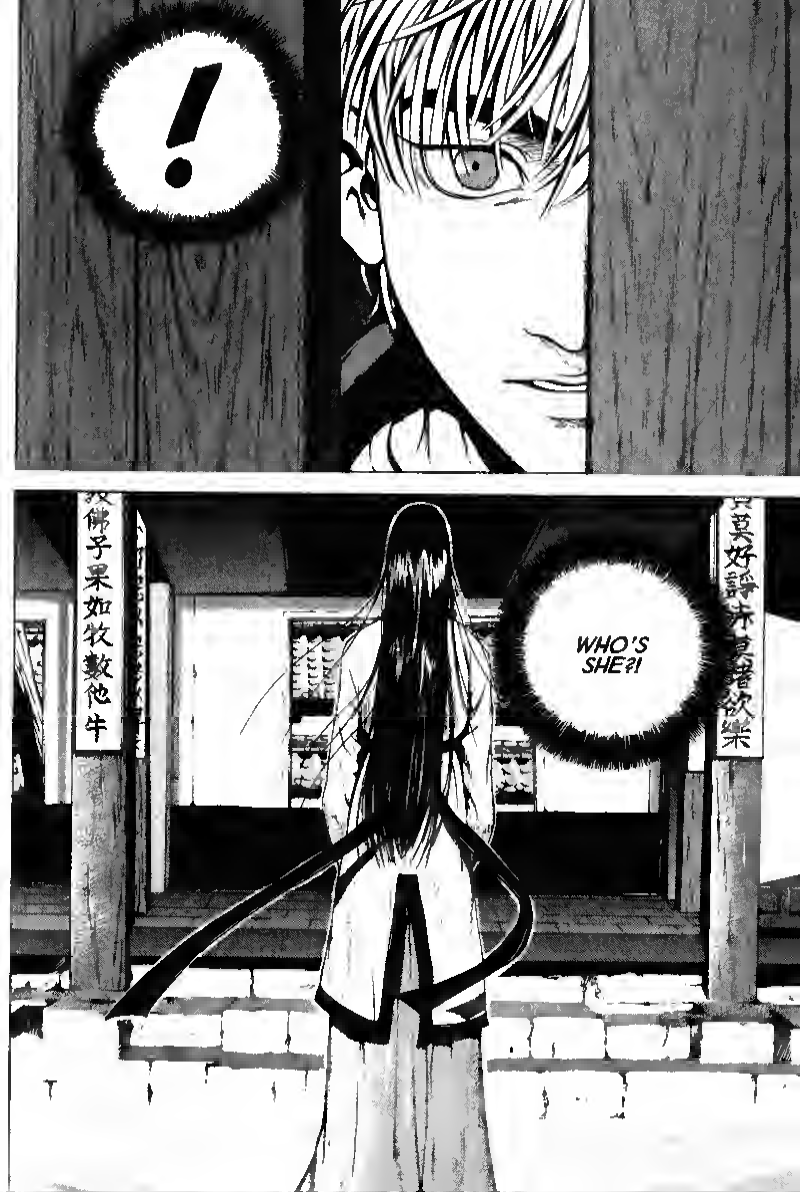
!
WHO'S SHE?!

EXCUSE ME... I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET OUTTA HERE?
HUH?
.....
I CAN'T MOVE!

WHO IS THIS CHICK?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

IT HAPPENED AGAIN
GOD, I'M SO SICK OF THAT NIGHTMARE.

RING
RING
RING
RING
HELLO?
IT'S ME, SON.
DAD!
I JUST WIRED YOUR ALLOWANCE
Check your account balance

YES, SIR...
SO...
I GUESS THAT'S ALL, THEN
PANT
PANT
THAT'S IT. JUST SEND THE MONEY. MAKE A PHONE CALL... WHAT MORE DOES A FATHER NEED TO DO, RIGHT?
PERFECT!

DAMN... MY EYES ARE STINGIN'.
NIKE
I GOT TO GET MORE SLEEP.
For two years that woman has been in my dreams...
SHE WEARS THESE ROBES...
Translator's Note: The Joseon period stretches from the late 14th century to the mid-17th century, though Joseon leaders ruled until the early 20th century.
THEY'RE LIKE FROM... THE JOSEON PERIOD?
NO... THEY'RE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT.
JUST...
JUST... JUST SIMILAR TO...

...THE ROBES...
Flyer on wall: Monsoon Condition
...HE'S WEARING!

ARE THEY SHOOTING A MOVIE HERE?
.....
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WHAT THE HELL...?
AUGH!

YEAH, I GUESS THIS IS THE SET FOR A .MOVIE?

FAREWELL, ELDER...
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BUT HOW? YESTERDAY THIS WAS AN ALLEY!

THIS DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT! AM I STILL DREAMING?
NO! THIS IS REAL!
HEY, MOON BIN, YOU'RE LATE TOO?
THANK GOD!

Translator's Note: In Korea, schools designate students to serve as truant officer They have a reputation of being rough

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HEY, DUDE...?

?
DID YOU SEE THEM? ALL THOSE PEOPLE... JUST A SECOND AGO...
WHAT PEOPLE? I JUST SAW YOU STANDING HERE SPACING OUT.
.....
WHAT?
JUST CHILL, MAN. WE LOST THEM. DON'T BE SO PARANOID.
Like a little bitch.
MOON BIN, ARE YOU OKAY? I'M SORRY, DUDE. YOU'RE NOT A BITCH.
HM...
ARE YOU SICK?
OH... NO... I JUST DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP.
I'M COOL...

1-4
YEAH, SHE WAS WEARING SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
AUGH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
MY SHOULDER HURTS! LIKE SOMEONE CUT ME!

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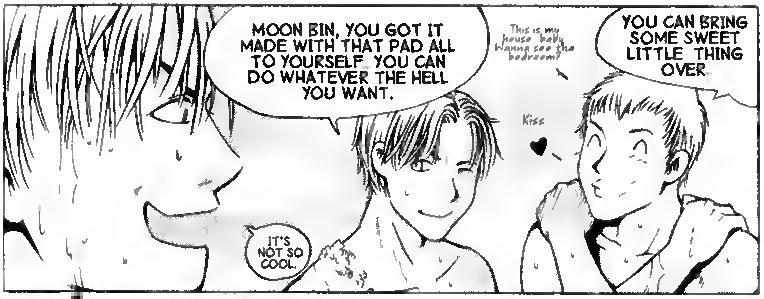
Chapter 2
The Makings of a Warrior

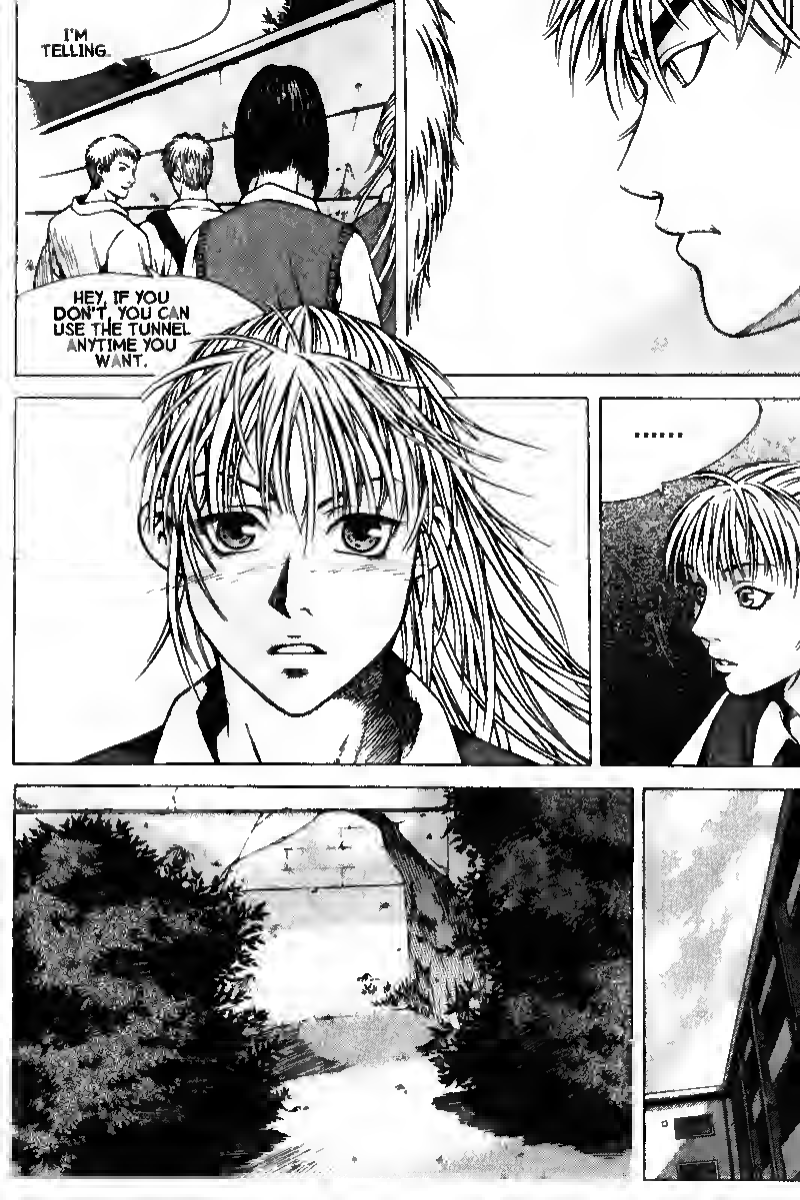
IN MERE DAYS, YOU WILL BE IN COMPETITION!
FOCUS! ATTACK WITH CONFIDENCE!
MOON BIN KIM! YOU ARE SLOW ON THE COUNTER!
GOD! COACH SERIOUSLY NEEDS TO TAKE THE STICK OUT OF HIS ASS! IT'S JUST A COMPETITION
HEY, CHUNG SHUK. ARE OUR RIVALS.
DAMN!
WHAT?
MY MOM SAID SHE WANTED TO COME TO THIS ONE. SHE'S NEVER SEEN ME FIGHT.
DOES SHE LIKE SEEING YOU GET YOUR ASS KICKED?
YEAH, AND THEN SHE CAN DRIVE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.
EAT ME, GUYS!


MOON BIN, YOU GOT IT MADE WITH THAT PAD ALL TO YOURSELF. YOU CAN DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANT.
IT'S NOT SO COOL.
This is my house, baby. Wanna see the bedroom?
Kiss
YOU CAN BRING SOME SWEET LITTLE THING OVER.

SHIT! COACH!

Pride, I thought he was a girl for a second
WELL, SINCE YOU BOYS HAVE SO MUCH ENERGY LEFT, WHY DON'T YOU GET DRESSED AGAIN AND DO FIFTY LAPS!
AH, COACH! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
THAT'S BULLSHIT!

Rustle
AHHH!
I LIKE PURPLE.
MOON BIN, ARE WE HOME FREE?
FWIP
UH? YOU GIRLS DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING, ALL RIGHT?


I'M TELLING.
HEY, IF YOU DON'T, YOU CAN USE THE TUNNEL ANYTIME YOU WANT.
.....

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.....
?
LOOKING FOR SOME-ONE, BABY?
AH... NO...
화들짝
타다다
...??

Two days later.. The meet ..
?
AUGH! MoM!
Bum Shuk, sweetie...

SO, THAT'S YOUR MOM, BUTT PLUG?
.....
MAYBE WHEN YOU'RE LICKING TURF, SHE CAN RUN OVER AND MOP UP YOUR FACE.
THAT'S IF YOUR BOYFRIENDS HERE DON'T GET TO HER FIRST.
Gulp

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REMATCH.
THE PLEASURE IS MINE.
FIRST UP... THE MAMA'S BOY.
BETTER NOT MESS YOU UP TOO MUCH YOUR MOTHER MIGHT COME GET ME.

TAKE HIM DOWN, MAN!
DO WELL, MY SON! GET HIM ON THE FLOOR!
AH, MOM.
PLAYERS, SALUTE!
FIGHT!
WAH!

DAMN!

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THAT'S A FOUL!
YO, REF!
H, COME ON. YOU JUST AN'T FIGHT.
MAYBE YOU NEED SOME MORE BREAST MILK!
AHHH! BUM SHUK! PLEASE, OPEN YOUR EYES!
BUM SHUK! OH, MY SON!

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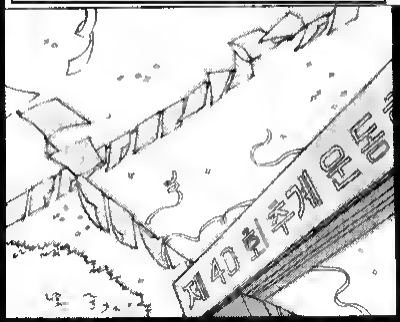
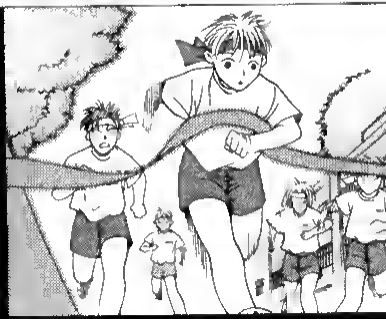
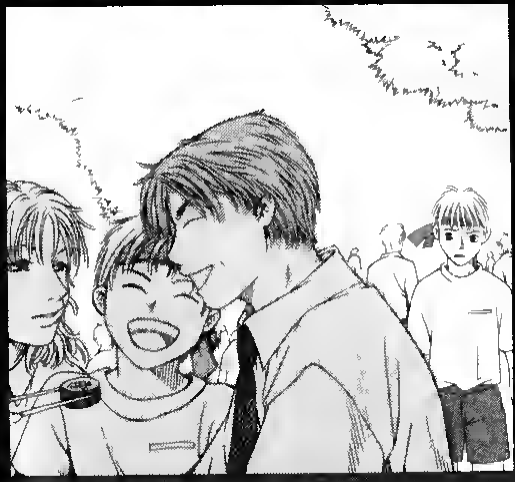
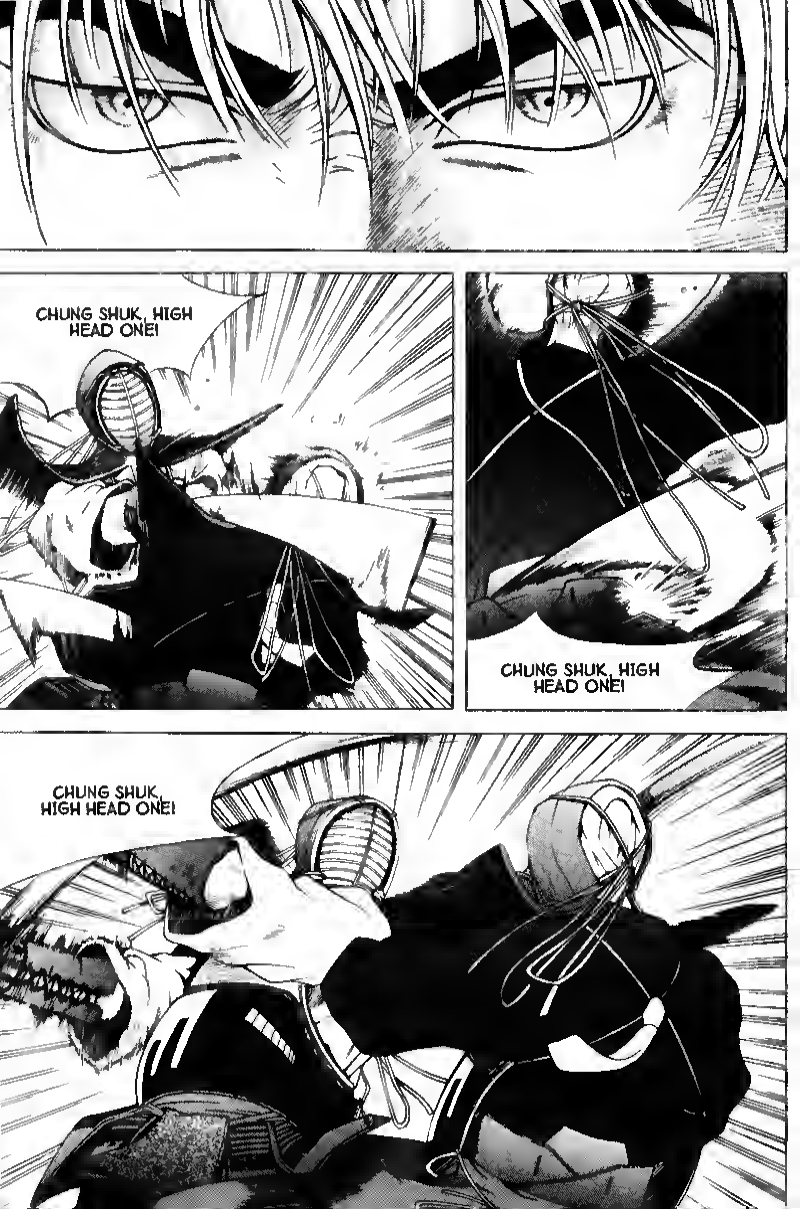


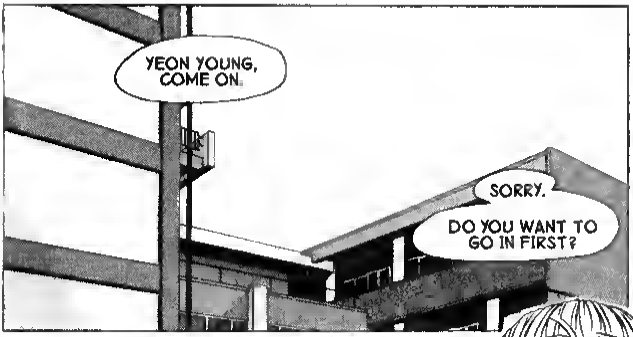


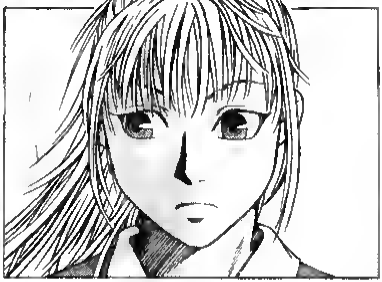


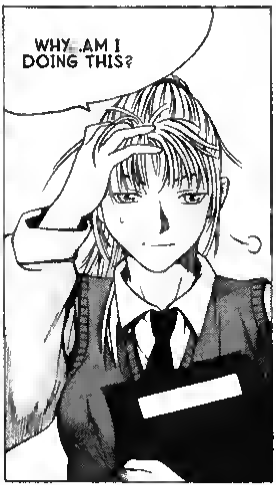

CHUNG SHUK, HIGH HEAD ONE!
CHUNG SHUK, HIGH HEAD ONE!
CHUNG SHUK, HIGH HEAD ONE!

WE'RE UP FOUR ZIP. YOU WIMPS. ONE MORE, AND WE SWEEP THE MEET.
Who's up next?
MOON BIN, WE'VE ALREADY LOST.
.....
AND THEY'RE JUST ASSHOLES. SO DON'T WASTE A LOT OF ENERGY ON THEM
YEAH, I KNOW
I'LL HOLD BACK!
IF I DON'T...

...I MIGHT KILL THEM.
WHITE TEAM
SE KHANG
HIGH SCHOOL
MOON EIN KIMI
RED TEAM
CHANG SHUK
HIGH SCHOOL
HONG CHONG CHUNI
FIGHT!


YEON YOUNG, COME ON.
SORRY.
DO YOU WANT TO GO IN FIRST?
FOLLOW ME.




WHY AM I DOING THIS?

AH...SEE...
HUH?
?

HA!

FOUR TO ONE.
CHUNG SHUK HIGH SCHOOL
WINS!
PLAYERS, LINE UP!

THOSE PUNKS CHEATED, MAN.
AT LEAST MOON BIN MADE 'EM CRY A LITTLE.
HEY, GUYS!
WELL, I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR WINNING YET ANOTHER MATCH. I JUST FEEL HORRIBLE. BUT I OFFER US UP FOR A RE-MATCH SOON IF THAT IS INDEED WHAT YOU WISH.

WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU GOING?
THE COACHES WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.
LOOK...
I BEAT YOU ON THE MAT... I'LL BEAT YOU OFF IT TOO.

AND WHY THE WALK? LET'S JUST DO IT HERE.
.....
YOU HAVE NO RESPECT FOR CEREMONY.
SO YOU PREFER TO HIDE IN THE SHADOWS.

YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN...
...OUT HERE, THERE ARE NO RULES.
Grin
PRECISELY.
OUT HERE, NO ONE WILL STEP IN TO SAVE YOU.

UH?

AAAH

.....
Fwoof
LOOK.. I.. WAS JUST...
JUST WHAT?

WELL, WELL..
NO ONE DID STEP IN TO SAVE YOU.

HUH?

?!
THIS IS A REAL SWORD!
AND THERE'S BLOOD EVERYWHERE!
THERE'S BLOOD ON ME!

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Chapter 3
A Hand from the Abyss

PANT
PANT
PANT
WHERE THE HELL DID I GET THIS SWORD?!
PANT
PANT
WHERE...?

WHERE AM I?!

PANT
PANT
PANT

WHAT'S WRONG, DUDE? YOU CHASING SOMEONE?

WHERE'S YOUR BOKKEN, MAN?
COACH SAID NOT TO LEAVE IT IN THE GYM.
WHAT'S THAT SHIT ON YOUR FACE?
THIS...?
A SCRATCH.
COME ON, LET'S DRINK. I'M BUYING.
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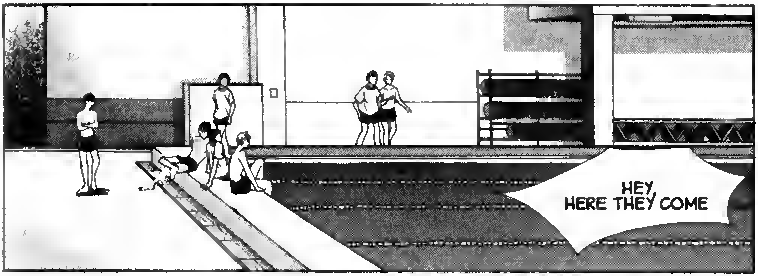
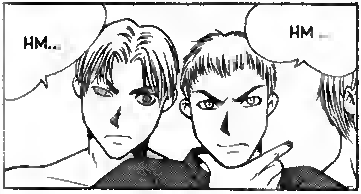
MOON SIN THE STUDENT DID SO WELL TODAY, THE MASTER WILL BUY HIM SOME RAMEN TOO
Looking a little thin there!
Master2
JUST RAMEN, THAT'S IT?
NO, RAMEN WITH BROTH.
WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT'S TWICE NOW.
AM I GOING CRAZY?


HEY, HERE THEY COME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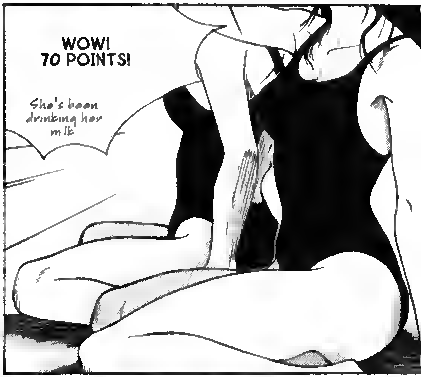
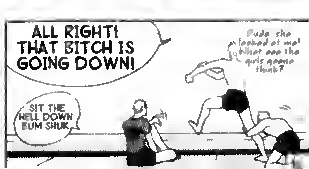

WOW! 70 POINTS!
She's been drinking her milk

50 POINTS.

EH?!

MOON BIN, YOU TAKE THIS ONE.

Blush


ALL RIGHT! THAT BITCH IS GOING DOWN!
Dude she looked at me! What was the guy gonna think?
SIT THE HELL DOWN BUM SHUK

UH?
SHE'S 90 POINTS!
THAT'S YEON YOUNG, RIGHT? SHE'S IN OUR CLASS.
WHOA, YOU'RE RIGHT. I WASN'T EVEN LOOKING AT HER FACE.
화끈
SHE WAS LOOKING RIGHT AT YOU, MOON SIN.
YEON?
SHE'S BURNING FOR YOU.
TELL ME YOUR SECRET, FRIEND!
으아
IT'S NOT A SECRET. YOU'RE A TOOL.
WOW!
Say that again, please?
OOOO!

Calm down boys
AH, SHE WEARS GLASSES. 30 POINTS.
100 POINTS, GENTLEMEN!

WHO IS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT I THINK SHE'S BACK UP TO 100.
UH?
YO! MOON BIN!
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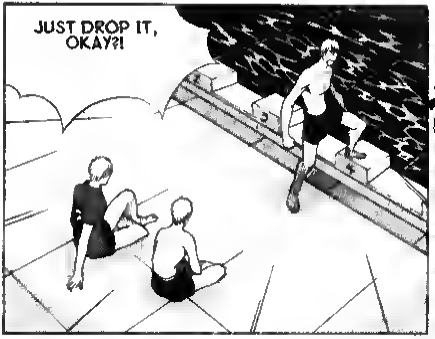
SHE HOT ENOUGH TO MELT THAT ICE


JUST DROP IT, OKAY?!

DROP WHAT?
.....
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MAYBE HE'S GAY

I GAVE NO ONE PERMISSION TO ENTER THE POOL!
GET OUT, NOW!

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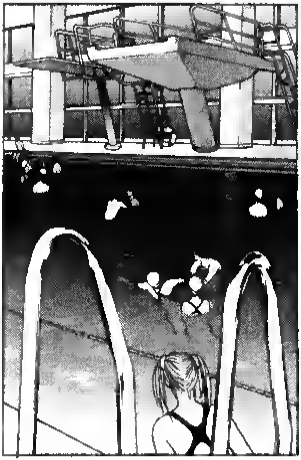
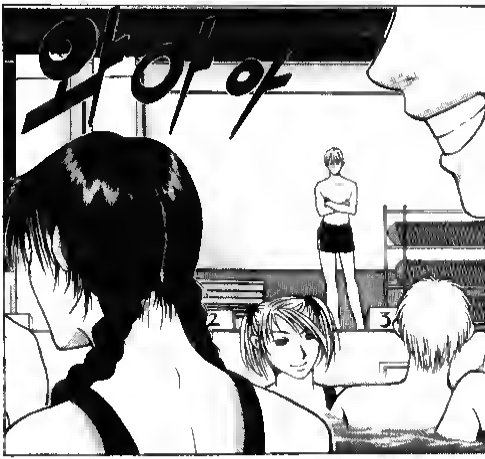
OH GOD!
SOMEONE DRAG HIM OUT OF THERE!




와아아

MOON BIN...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? LOOKS LIKE YOUR POSING
I'M FINE.
I KNOW COACH EMBARRASSED YA, BUT IT'S OVER NOW GET IN THE POOL
Just go away
.....
HUH?
와아아
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
첨벙
2

ASSHOLES!
쏴아아
이히히히
5
2
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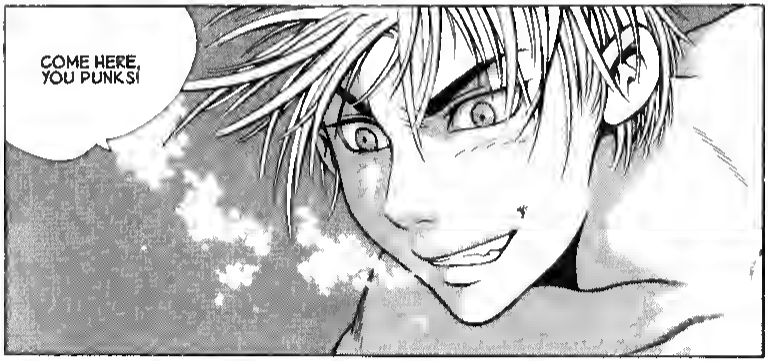
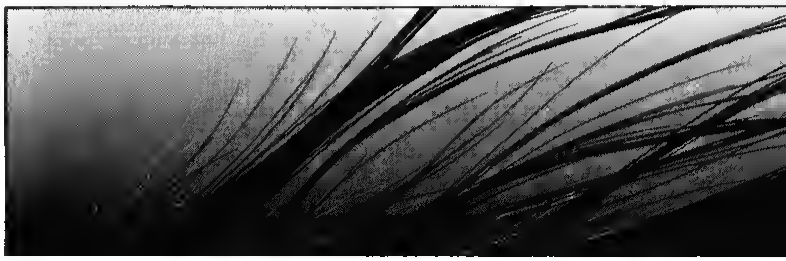
DAMN.
!
I GUESS. . IT'S TIME. .I STARTED DOING MY...LAPS.
Great chat guys

UH!
KOH
!
WHO WAS THAT?!

HOW DID THOSE JERKS GET UNDER ME?!


COME HERE, YOU PUNKS!



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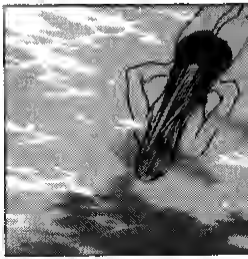

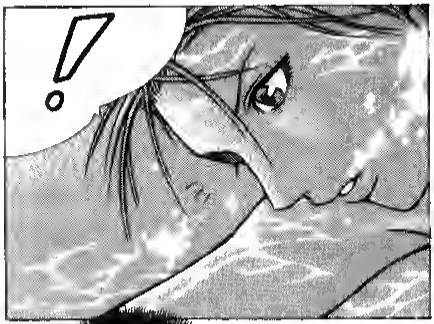
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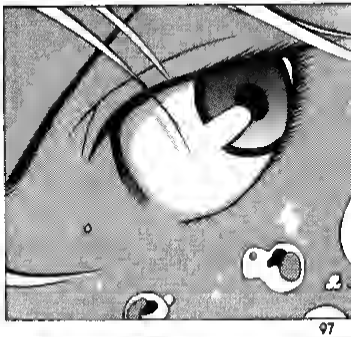

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쵸아
SOMEBODY, HELP! GET HIM OUT!
A HAND! IT WAS A HAND!

ARE YOU OKAY?! WHAT'S WRONG?!
HUH?
HEESUN
I SAW IT! I SAW A HAND GRAB HIM!
IT WAS PALE WHITE... LIKE A GHOST.
HURRY
GET HIM OUT!
99
꾸르륵

I CAN'T BREATHE. IS THIS DEATH?
IS THIS THE END?
WHY DO I HAVE TO DIE SO SOON?!

HIS BLOOD PRESSURE IS DROPPING FAST.
Pssss
Pssss
Pssss
THERE MIGHT BE SOME DAMAGE TO THE BRAIN
DAMN IT!

That was the last memory I ever had of her... and that was the last feeling she ever had for me

That man and woman never paid any attention to me...
They gave me birth...

THEY...
...GAVE ME LIFE...
주륵-
WHY?!
빈틈

WHERE AM I?
MY BODY FEELS HEAVY.
I WAS PULLED UNDER THE WATER...
AND..
RUMBLE
탁그락

AH...
AH..
IT IS HER!
WHAT WAS HER NAME? YEON YOUNG?
I'M NOT IN A HOSPITAL, AM I?

AH . AH
MY LADY!!!
MY-MY LADY! MY LADY!
THE YOUNG MASTER IS AWAKE!

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Chapter 4
An Older Sister

MY LADY!! MY LADY!!
?
THE YOUNG MASTER IS AWAKE!!
AM I AT YEON YOUNG'S HOUSE?
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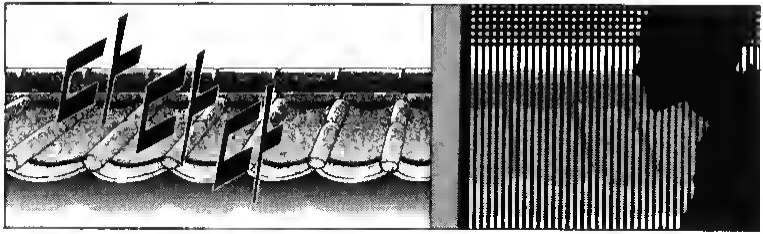
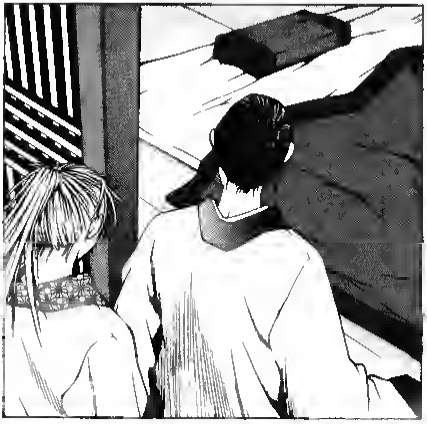
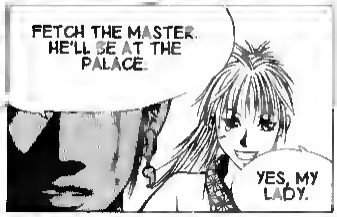
IS THIS SOME KIND OF SADISTIC FANTASY FOR HER?!
MAN, I GOT TO GET HOME
으샤
휙





CHUNG WAR.


FETCH THE MASTER. HE'LL BE AT THE PALACE.
YES, MY LADY.

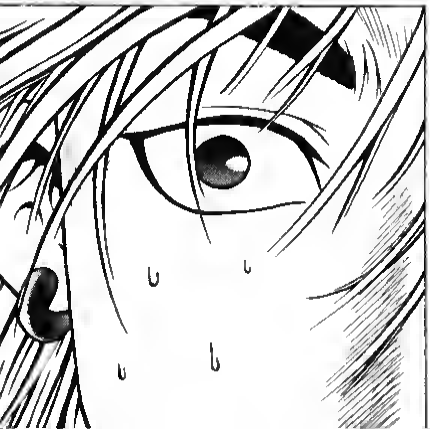
OH PLEASE, LET THIS BE TRUE.

WHAT THE HELL...?
IS THIS A FOLK VILLAGE?
WHERE THE HELL AM I?
YEON YOUNG LIVES IN A FOLK VILLAGE?
EXCUSE ME, CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE I CAN GRAB A TAXI?

YOU ARE OF THE NOBILITY. WHAT DO YOU MEAN ADDRESSING A WOMAN OF COMMON BIRTH?
HUH?
KEEP GOING, MY LADY.
It's all right
It's not all right. Go
.....
YOU UGLY BITCH!
MAN... THESE PEOPLE ARE CRAZY. THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE A TELEPHONE.
AFTER FIVE YEARS, HIS BODY MUST BE WEAK. ZHANG BO?
YES, MY LORD
GATHER SOME MEN AND SEARCH FOR SA KYUNG

HE MUST BE SO FRIGHTENED SO MUCH HAS CHANGED.
I AM SURE HE HASN'T GONE FAR.
CALM YOURSELF, MY DEAR.
I FEEL LIKE...
...I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER IT.
HUH?

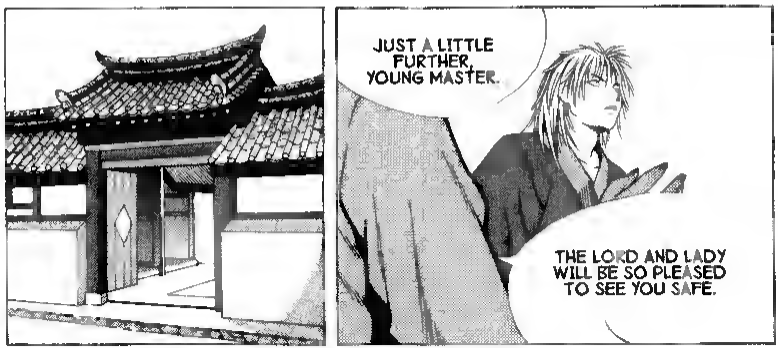
.....
HE'LL KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE.
EP
THAT KID'S WEARING OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM.



MOON SIN, YOU'RE LATE TOO? THANK GOD!
THIS
THIS

YOUNG MASTER!
YOUR FATHER HAS ASKED US TO FIND YOU...

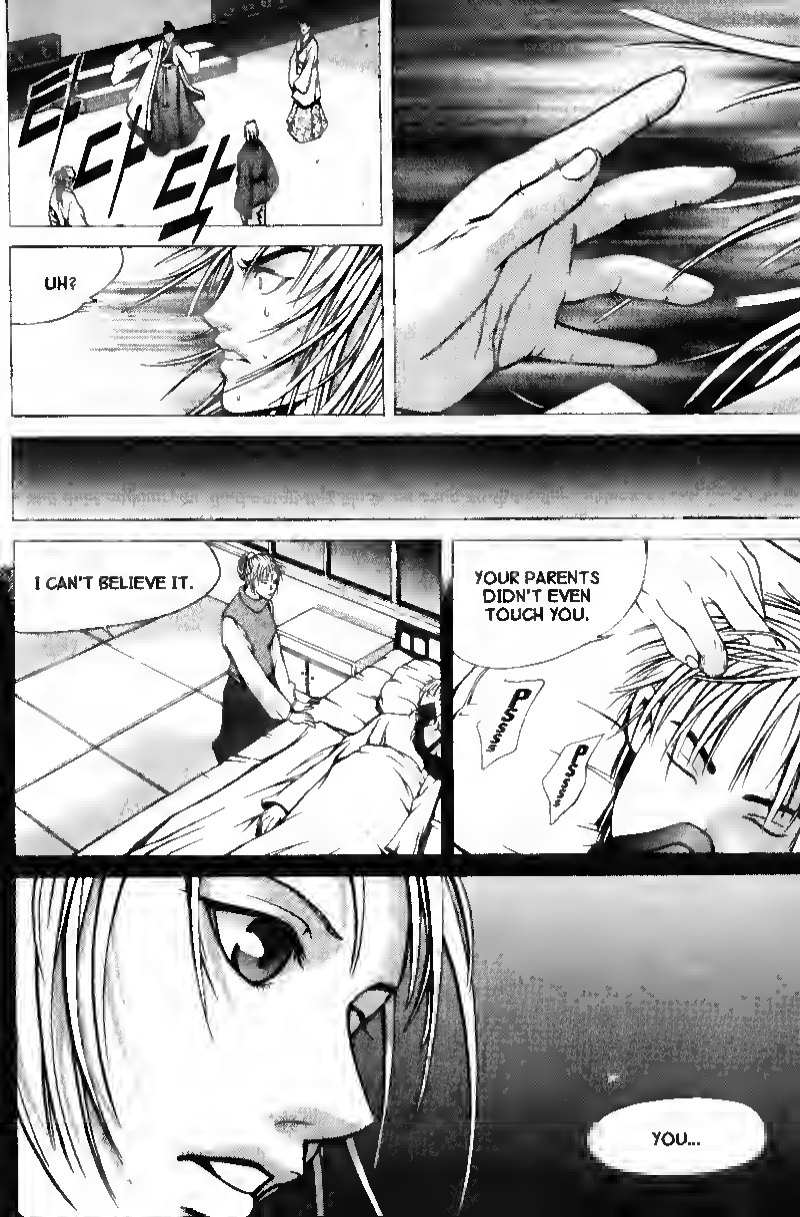
HE'S IN A COMA.
OXYGEN DEPRIVATION CAUSED SEVERE BRAIN CELL LOSS.


JUST A LITTLE FURTHER, YOUNG MASTER.
THE LORD AND LADY WILL BE SO PLEASED TO SEE YOU SAFE.

HEY, THAT'S...
THAT'S OUR NEIGHBOR.
SHE HATES ME
MR. NOH... MY SCIENCE TEACHER.
HUH?
AH...!
THIS IS THE GIRL WHO ALERTED US OF HIS DROWNING.
HELLO...

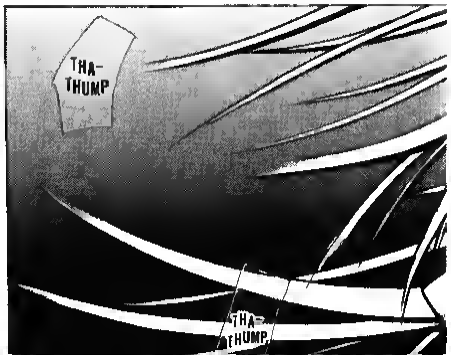
FATHER?
MOTHER?

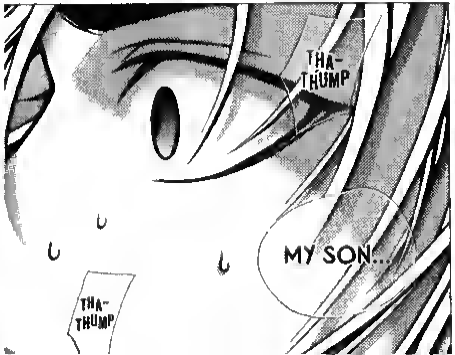
HOW LONG WILL THE COMA LAST?
Ah... I'm sorry. There's no smoking in the hospital.
IT'S HARD TO SAY.
PLEASE RETAIN A FULL-TIME NURSE FOR HIM.
Huff...
Pssss
Pssss
Pssss


UH?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH YOU.
YOU...

WHAT ARE YOU DREAMING ABOUT?

MY SON...


THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP

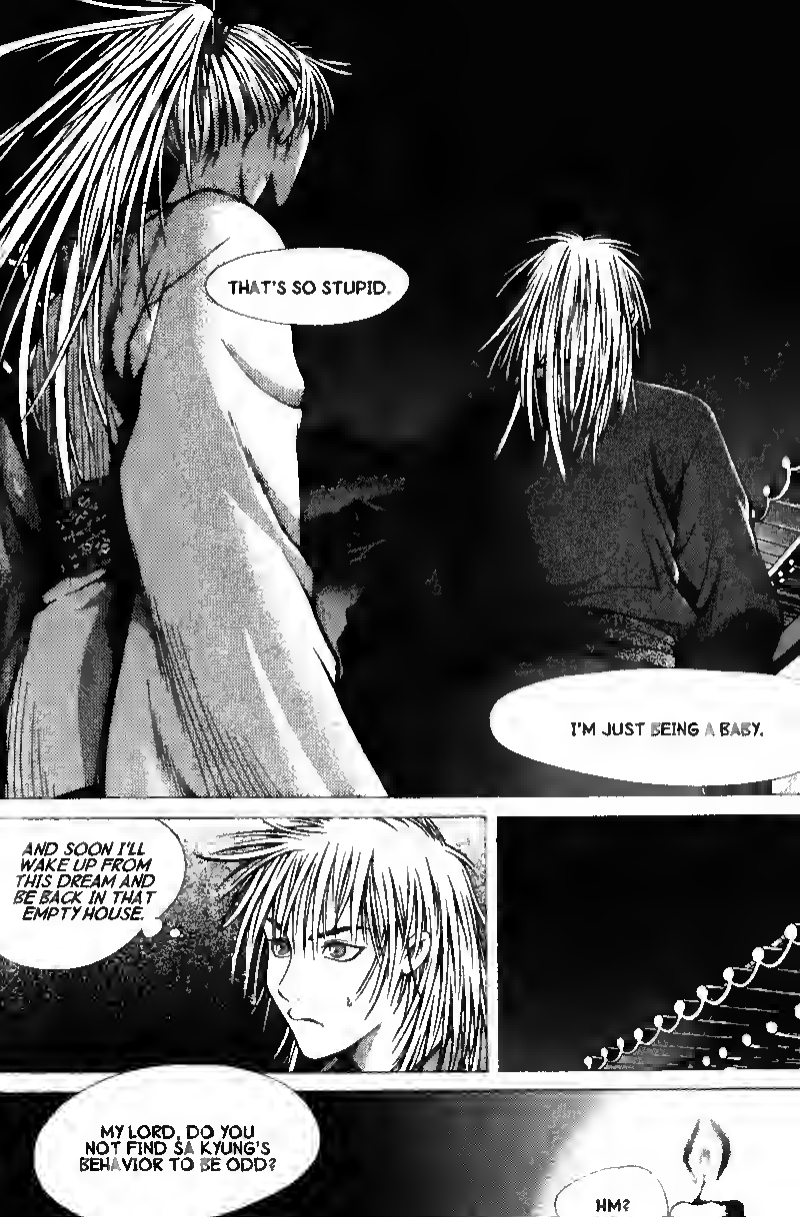

THA-THUMP
MY SON...
THA-THUMP

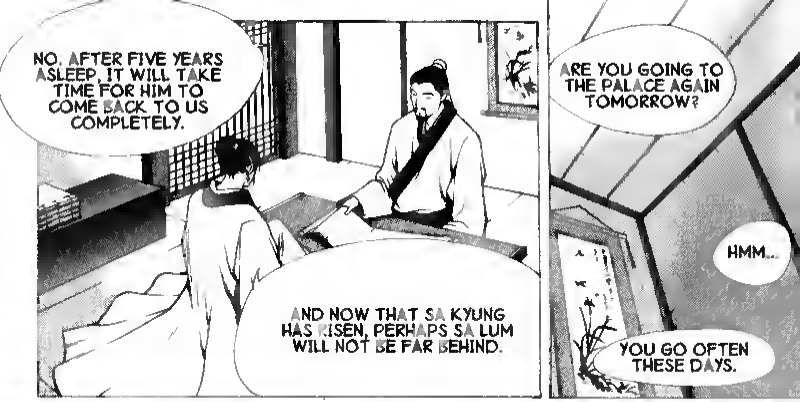
SA KYUNG!

YA KNOW... I KINDA FEEL LIKE SHIT. I'M JUST GONNA CRASH OUT FOR A COUPLE HOURS.
SOMETHING'S WRONG.
THIS WOMAN...
YOU WANT REST? YES, REST WOULD BE VERY GOOD FOR YOU, SA KYUNG.
YES, REST FOR NOW.
TOMORROW, WE WILL TALK.

HEY!
WHAT COUNTRY ARE WE IN?
SIR?
THE COUNTRY... THE LAND WHERE IS IT?
WE ARE... IN THE LAND OF KORYO.
Koryo : The name for ancient Korea
KORYO!
WHAT ABOUT MY NAME?
KIM SA KYUNG
WHAT ABOUT MY FATHER?
KIM KYUNG SOH
YOU?
CHUNG WA
WHERE IS THIS?
KEH-KHUN

.....
AH .. IT HURTS..
I AM KIM MOON EIN. I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS IN A SWIMMING POOL AND WHEN I WOKE, I WAS IN THE PAST. IT'S LIKE TIME TRAVEL. HA HA! THAT'S IT. TIME-TRAVEL IS THE MOST PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION
Phew. Glad I figured that one out.
NO! THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TIME-TRAVEL! I'M JUST HAVING SOME WHACKED OUT HALLUCINATION!
A DREAM...
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF LIVING WITH MY PARENTS.
YES ..


THAT'S SO STUPID.
I'M JUST BEING A BABY.
AND SOON I'LL WAKE UP FROM THIS DREAM AND BE BACK IN THAT EMPTY HOUSE.
MY LORD, DO YOU NOT FIND SA KYUNG'S BEHAVIOR TO BE ODD?
HM?

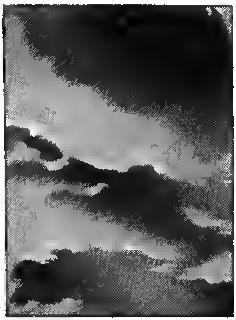

NO. AFTER FIVE YEARS ASLEEP, IT WILL TAKE TIME FOR HIM TO COME BACK TO US COMPLETELY.
AND NOW THAT SA KYUNG HAS RISEN, PERHAPS SA LUM WILL NOT BE FAR BEHIND.
ARE YOU GOING TO THE PALACE AGAIN TOMORROW?
HMM...
YOU GO OFTEN THESE DAYS.

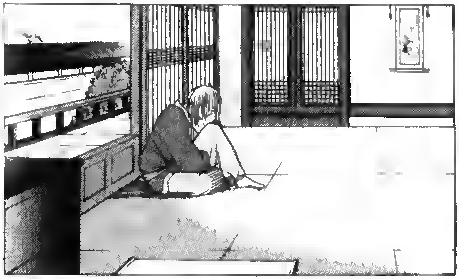
THE MONGOLIAN AMBASSADOR JU GO YOUNG WAS ASSASSINATED NEAR THE JUNG RIVER. THIS HAS STIRRED THE FIRE OF THE MONGOLS.
WE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT OUR DOING BUT RATHER POSUNMANOO OR WOGAHA. THEY DO NOT ACCEPT OUR EXPLANATION

Go Young: In 1225, an assassin wearing a Koryo uniform killed Ju Go Young. Genghis Khan, in a campaign to conquer Horazeem, vowed that he would soon turn his sights on Hanam and Koryo.

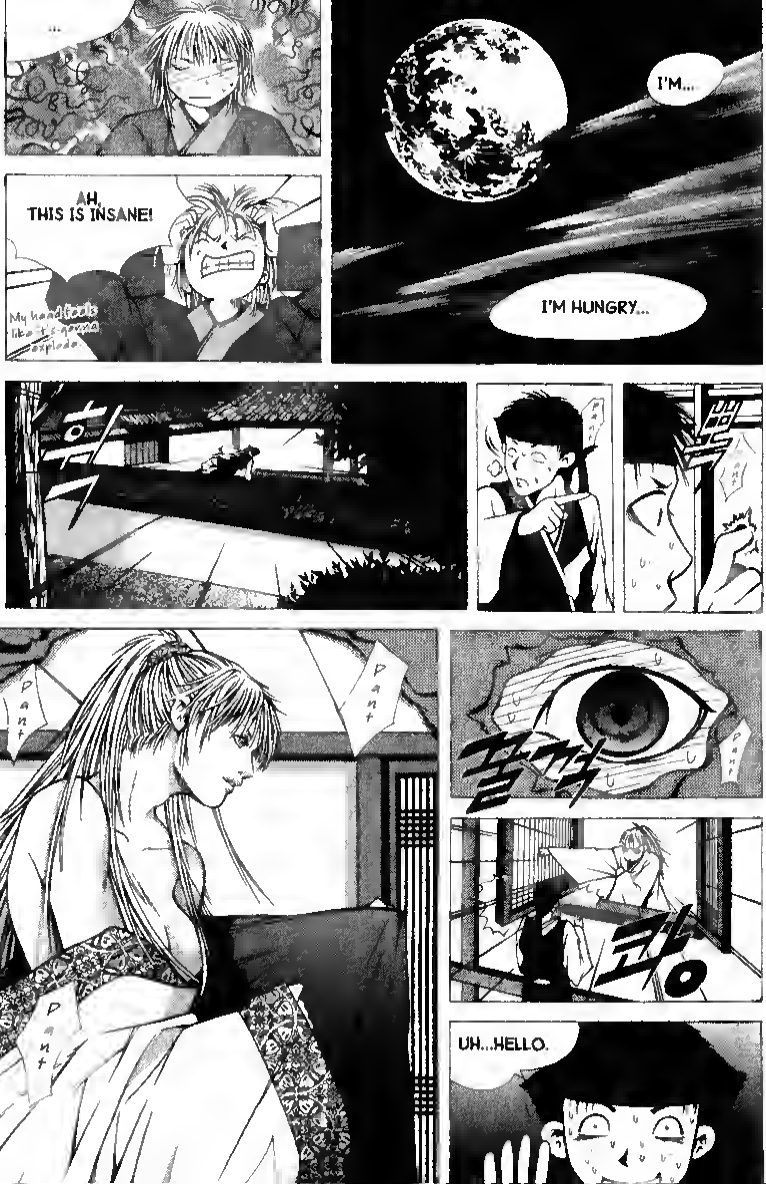
Posunmandoo: Person from Dozing Country
Wogaha: Gold Country General

ARE YOU GOING TO GHU ZHU PALACE SOON?
GENGHIS KHAN WAS KILLED IN AN ASSAULT ON SHUH HA, SO THERE WON'T BE AN ATTACK ON US FOR A LITTLE WHILE AT LEAST.





SO A MOTHER'S EMBRACE CAN BE WARM.
I have always known it to be cold, like the skin of a reptile.


...
I'M...
I'M HUNGRY...
AH,
THIS IS INSANE!
My head feels like it's gonna explode
휙
DANT
DANT
DANT
DANT
DANT
휙
UH...HELLO.

MA ZHANG BO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AH...
I...AM THE WIND.
You can't see me
toilet bowl
YOU GOT THE WRONG PERSON!
I'm not even here!
Oh my god! Is that the toilet bowl?!
WILL YOU EVER STOP THIS?!
LEAVE NOW!
UGH...

WHAT AN INCORRIGIBLE BOY!
휘리릭
CHUNG WAR... GIVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT. I'M HUNGRY.
OH...
MA ZHANG BO!
SORRY. I'M JUST HUNGRY.

YOU WRETCHED PERVERT!

UGH...
YOU FILTHY SCAB...!
Don't look at me
OH NO! THE YOUNG MASTER!
I'VE MADE A MISTAKE, YOUNG MASTER. I COMMITTED AN OFFENSE WORTHY OF DEATH
Hm
THEN WE WILL NEVER MENTION THIS INCIDENT AGAIN.
OH, THANK YOU! I OWE YOU A DEBT OF GRATITUDE THAT CAN NEVER BE REPAID.
THERE ARE WAYS TO REPAY IT, I'M SURE.

IT'S HER!
PANT
PANT
PANT
AAAAAHHH!
NO! WHAT DOES SHE WANT?

YOUNG MASTER, PLEASE CALM DOWN. THIS IS YOUR SISTER, LADY SA LUMI!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
SIS...
SISTER?
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO BROUGHT ME HERE?
TO KORYO?!

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Chapter 5
Puruneree

I SAW YOU IN THE WATER! WAS IT YOU?
YOUNG MASTER!

IT'S YOU! YOU BROUGHT ME HERE!
YOU'RE THE GHOST!
WHY?!

WHY?!
YOUNG MASTER, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! THIS IS LADY SA LUM! YOUR SISTER!
LET GO!
AHHH!

MY LORD!

SA KYUNG!
성큼
성큼
덥석

WAAAAA!
ㅌㅏㄱ

KACK...
YOUNG MASTER!
.....
IT IS TIME FOR SLEEP.

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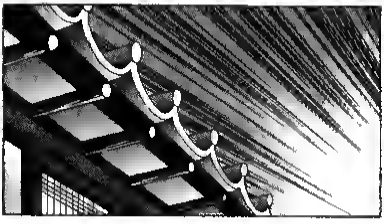
YOUNG MASTER!



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HELP ME!

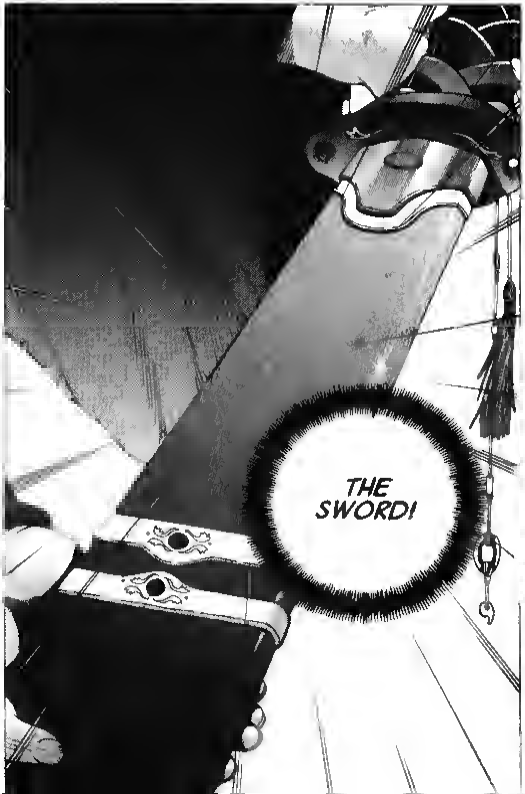
TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENING!
PLEASE
I'M GOING NUTS. I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE.

DAMN.
FATHER...
EEE

WHOA!
GENERAL!
THE MONGOL FORCES ARE MOVING ERRATICALLY.
MY LORD?
GENERAL KAEK SUH REQUESTS MY PRESENCE BACK AT GHU ZHU PALACE IMMEDIATELY?
YES, MY LORD.
HMM...
THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR ME TO LEAVE THIS HOUSE.

WE WILL RIDE AT DAYBREAK.
YES, SIR.
SA KYUNG.

COME DOWN FROM THERE
Flick
What skill the boy has!
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE I WAS?
YOU USED TO ESCAPE UP THERE WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE BOY.
I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.


THE SWORD!

I WILL BE GOING TO THE GHU-ZHU PALACE TOMORROW.
IF...
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, YOU MUST PROTECT THIS FAMILY.
WHAT IS GOING ON?

A COUNTRY WITHOUT A STRONG MILITARY OPENS ITSELF TO AN INVASION. BUT STRENGTHENING THE MILITARY WITHOUT STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT IS THE PERFECT SCENARIO FOR A COUP. I AM NEED TO MAKE SURE STRENGTH IS BALANCED.
THIS WEAPON HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN THROUGHOUT OUR FAMILY. AND NOW IT COMES TO BE CARRIED BY YOU.
IT IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE RETURNED TO US THAT I CAN LEAVE HERE WITH A CALM MIND.

I NOW ENTRUST THE SAFETY OF YOUR MOTHER AND SISTER TO YOU.

FATHER!
THIS SWORD..
I WILL RETURN IT TO YOU.
I PROMISE

I WON'T BE GONE LONG JUST UNTIL THE MONGOL MATTER IS SETTLED
LOOKING AT MY FATHER, I AM SUDDENLY OVERCOME WITH UNEASINESS.

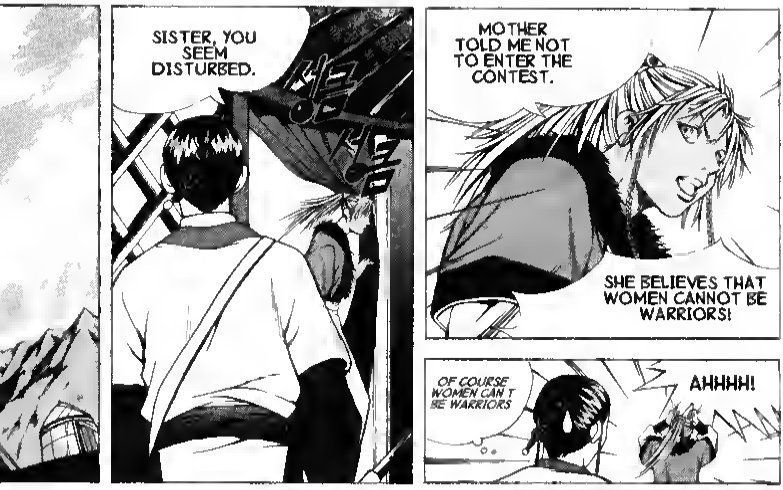
Mother...
Perhaps I really am home

August, 1229
Mongolia
Gorhilg-nakhuh
Chun Bhun
along the banks of the
Onon River
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT I CAN'T ENTER THE CONTEST IN CELEBRATION OF MY UNCLE BECOMING THE DEH KHAN?!

Purunerees: Mongol Lords

IF YOU WERE TO ENTER, DESPITE BEING A MEMBER OF THE GOLDEN FAMILY, YOU WOULD RECEIVE PUNISHMENT ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF PUREEN.

King household: family members of Ghengis Khan
Book of Pureen: Book of recorded sayings from Ghengis Khan. The book doesn't really exist.


SISTER, YOU SEEM DISTURBED.
MOTHER TOLD ME NOT TO ENTER THE CONTEST.
SHE BELIEVES THAT WOMEN CANNOT BE WARRIORS!
OF COURSE WOMEN CAN'T BE WARRIORS
AHHHH!

Esu Mongke: Chagatai's son. After Chagatai, he becomes the ruler of region Khanate.

I'M SURE YOU'LL WIN, DEAR BROTHER.
AND BE STRONG, SISTER.
THOUGH YOU CANNOT BE ONE YOURSELF, YOU WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A HUNDRED STRONG WARRIORS
YOU CUR!!
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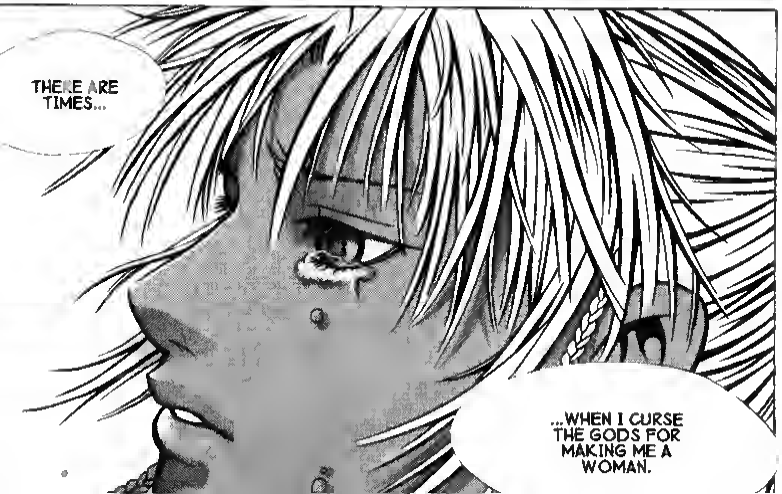
I AM SORRY...
...GRAND FATHER.


THERE ARE TIMES...
...WHEN I CURSE THE GODS FOR MAKING ME A WOMAN.

HMP!

HURAHHHH!

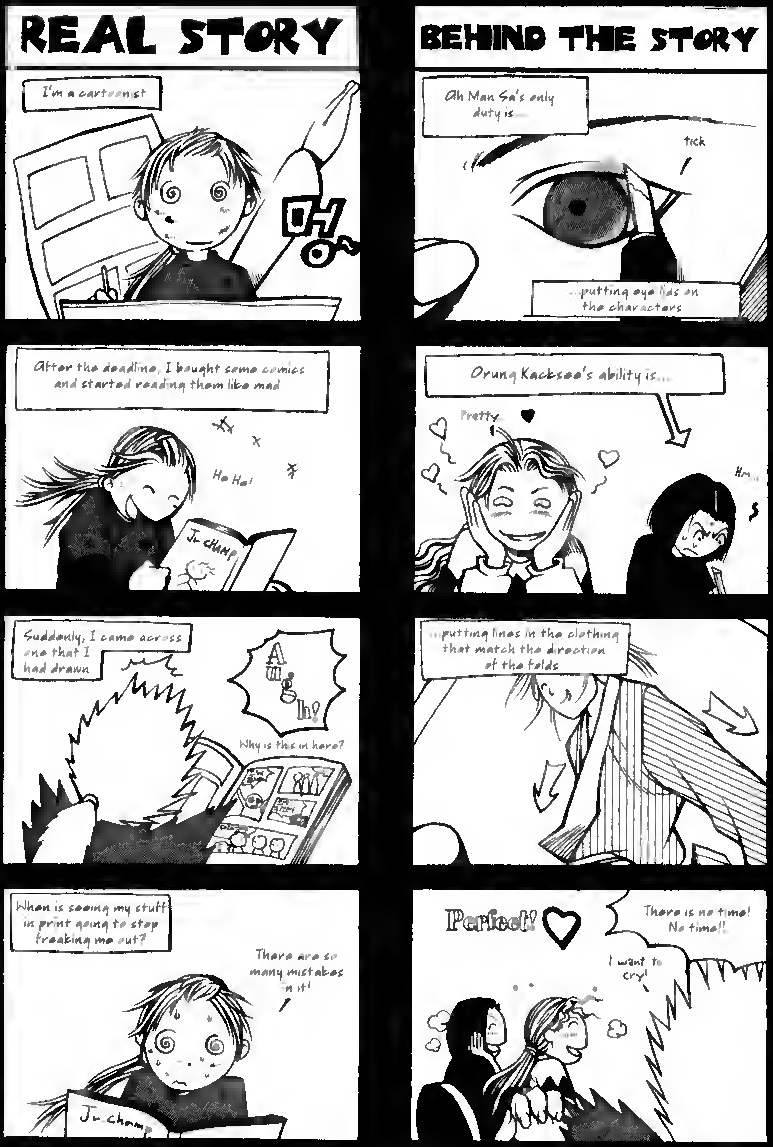
Deh-Khan great king or emperor

Ogodei Genghis Khan's third son

I VOW TO ACCOMPLISH THREE TASKS IN THE HONOR OF THE KEKE TANGHUREE.
FIRST!
I WILL DEVASTATE GOLD COUNTRY, THIS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF MY FATHER, GENGHIS KHAN.
SECOND! FOR MY YOUNGEST SON, TULLUEE, I WILL BROADEN THE WESTERN TERRITORY BY KILLING THE SON OF MUHAMMAD SULTAN, JARARALDEEN
THIRD!
THOSE FROM KORYO WHO KILLED THE AMBASSADOR..

...WILL BOW TO US AS THEIR RULERS!
PURUNEREE! LET THE THUNDER OF OUR HORSES SOUND LOUDLY THROUGHOUT THE LAND!
LET THE DEATH CRY OF OUR ENEMIES PIERCE THE SKY!

HURRRAHHHH!
HURRAY!
LONG LIFE TO OGODEI DEH KHAN!!
IT IS WAR!


REAL STORY
I'm a cartoonist
Oh!
After the deadline, I bought some comics and started reading them like mad
Ha Ha!
Jr. champ
Suddenly, I came across one that I had drawn
Augh!
Why is this in here?
When is seeing my stuff in print going to stop freaking me out?
There are so many mistakes in it!
Jr. champ
BEHIND THE STORY
Oh Man Sa's only duty is...
tick
...putting eye lids on the characters
Orung Kacksoo's ability is...
Pretty
Hm...
...putting lines in the clothing that match the direction of the folds
Perfect!
There is no time! No time!!
I want to cry!

ANGER
Ha ha! It was a gold color!!
You must be happy!!
LACK OF EXERCISE
Diet..
Sister, could we survive on this?
1/3 of the bowl
Let's find out
Stop reporting!!
That's so disgusting! Every day
After two weeks
He He!
Sister, I must have lost weight
Of course
Still...
CLICK
Sssss
Wow! I lost three kilograms
Wow! I lost two
Let's measure our waist. Get the tape measure!
What was it?
Eh?
How could I help being curious?
Sister... I gained an inch
Me too...
For the cartoonist who sits all day... This is what happens

What was Koryo?

Threads of Time is set in ancient Korea,
at a time when most of North Korea and South Korea was unified as Koryo

Timeline

918—Koryo unified by general Wang Kon
1231—Mongol army advances on the capital, Kaesong. Koryo negotiates peace.
Mongols leave military governors behind.
1232—Koryo general Ch'oe rejects peace proposal and moves Koryo court to
Kanghwa Island.
1239—Successful Mongol invasion. Koryo court attempts to maintain autonomy
despite swearing fealty to the Khan.
1260—Mongolian Empire begins to fracture.
1300-1392—Koryo factions vie for power in the shadow of the rapidly declining
Mongol empire.
1392—Koryo breaks into smaller principalities and ceases to be a unified entity.

Who was Genghis Khan?

Temujin, meaning "of iron." Genghis Khan means "universal ruler" in Turkic,
now an extinct language.

Probably born in 1162, Genghis Khan, along with his mother, was ostracized from his tribe in 1175 following the poisoning death of his father by Tartars. By 1206, he had unified all Mongolian nomadic tribes under his direct control. At its height, the Mongolian Empire spread from the Caspian Sea to the tip of Korea (see accompanying map). Genghis Khan, however, did not live to see his greatest goal, capturing the Jurchen Empire of Manchuria, as he died of injuries incurred by falling off his horse (or so the official report goes) in 1227.

Who were his sons?

In the timeline of Threads of Time, Genghis Khan died before Moon Bin Kim ever reaches Koryo. But the emperor's sons, Jochi, Chagatai, Ogodei and Tolui still threaten Asia through the strength of their Khanates.

Jochi—The West

Though Jochi died before Genghis Khan, his son Batu led the "Golden Horde" through Russia and Eastern Europe from 1235-41.

Chagatai—Central Asia

After experiencing fierce resistance from natives, the Khanate was eventually broken into Chagatai and Il-Khanate. Chagatai is Altan and Esu's father.

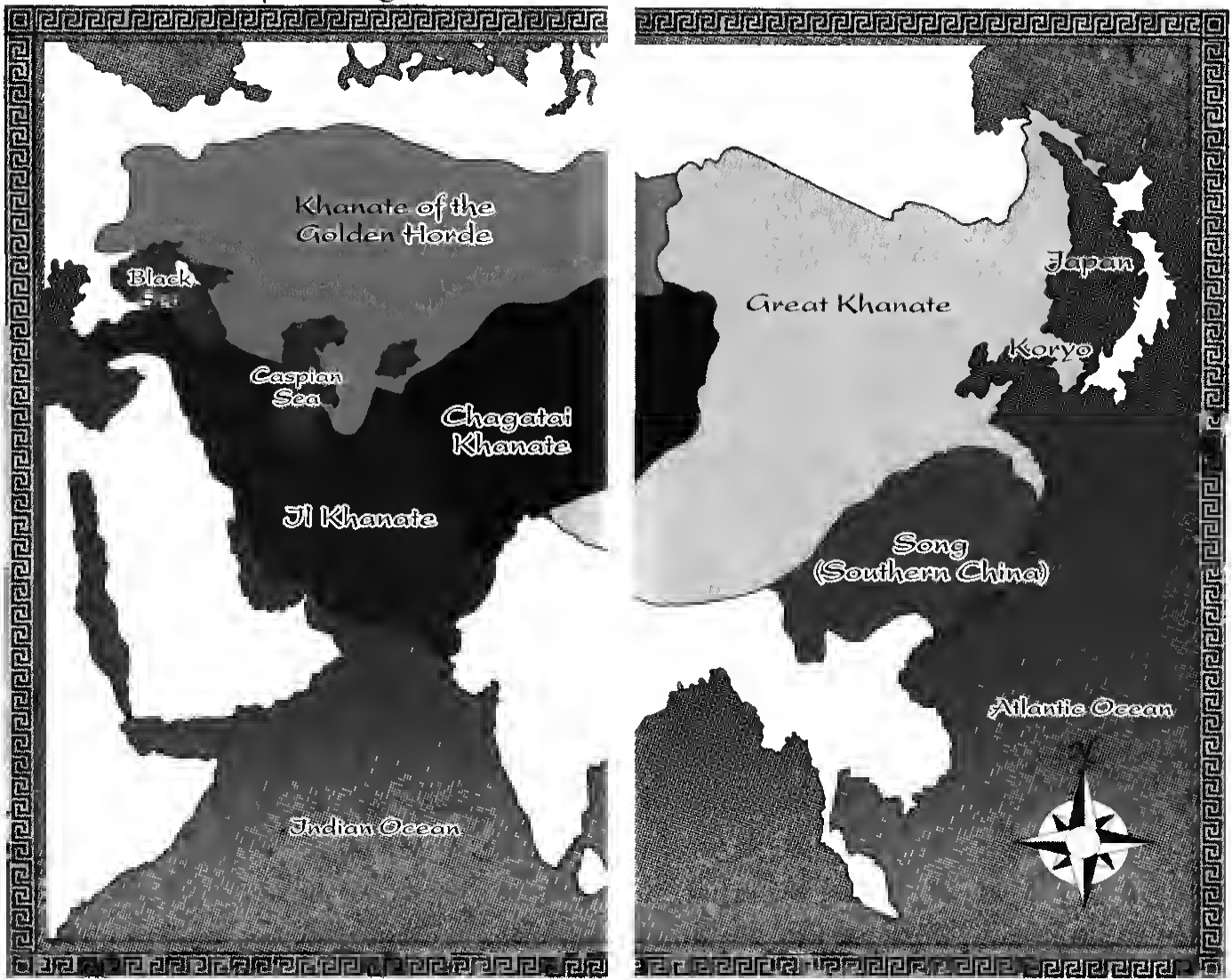
Ogodei—The East

At the end of Threads of Time Volume 1, Ogodei, the third son of Genghis Khan, ascends to the position of Dai Khan. Named as successor to the empire by Genghis himself, the Mongol invasion of Koryo began to lose momentum after his death in 1241.
His son Guyuk reigned until 1248.

Tolui—North China and Mongolia

Despite naming Ogodei his heir, Genghis Khan entrusted Tolui with his plans to invade the Jurchen Empire in modern-day North China. His son, Menghe, ruled Ogodei's empire from 1251 until his death in 1259, at which time his brother Kublai Khan succeeded him and conquered southern China.

The Asia of Genghis Khan



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This page originally had your usual tokypoop spoiler-full-summary of the whole next volume. So I decided to delete it and express my eternally growing disgust towards Tokyopop. When I bought GTO I thought they couldn't do any worse printingwise. Sadly, I was wrong. I pondered a long time whether or not to scan Threads of Time due to the fact that TP has really overdone themselves with it. There isn't a single page that has been printed straight, averagely about 4 out of 5 pages have missing dialog letters from the outer edge of page. I can't even imagine how much of art has been cropped out since in so many page that are horribly tilted, one can see there are margins in either top or the bottom of the page but ~5mm of art gets already cropped out in the other end of the page. So to summarize my thoughts

FUCK YOU!

TOKYPOO!

-Jinchi

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